

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. A method for performing an injection using a passive needle guard including a body having a medicine cartridge therein comprising one of a syringe, ampoule or vial for containing medicine, and a shield slidably attached to the body, the body retained by cooperating catches on the body and the shield in a first position wherein the needle is exposed, the body being biased to retract with respect to the shield towards a second retracted position for covering a needle extending from the cartridge, the method comprising:

inserting the needle into a patient's skin while holding the shield a predetermined distance therefrom;

applying a distal force on a plunger communicating with the cartridge to inject medication into the patient until the plunger contacts a latch member extending from the passive needle guard;

depressing the plunger further to deflect the latch member to disengage the cooperating catches, wherein the body becomes biased to move towards the retracted position; and

releasing the distal force on the plunger, thereby retracting the body towards the retracted position, wherein the needle is substantially covered by the shield.

10. A method for performing an injection using a passive needle guard including a body having a medicine cartridge therein comprising one of a syringe, ampoule or vial for containing medicine, and a shield slidably attached to the body, the shield being biased to move distally with respect to the body, the body and shield being retained by cooperating catches in a position wherein a needle extending from the cartridge is exposed, the method comprising: